

REMARKS

Claims 21-31 are in the application. They replace claims 1-20 which have been cancelled.

The specification has been amended on pages 1 and 2 to provide headings and to remove references to the claims.

The original claims have been deleted and replaced by new claims 21-31 which are directed exclusively to the species of Fig. 12.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as rewritten are now in proper U.S. format.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mac, are respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present invention as claimed is patentably distinct over the reference to Mac.

The reference to Mac describes a toilet lid seen in Fig. 1 having a special configuration seen in Fig. 3. Holes 16 are provided in the lid, as seen in Fig. 4, or on the circumferential rim of the seat, as seen in Figs. 6 and 7. Air fresheners 26 can be placed in the holes 16, as shown in Figs. 11 and 12. Figs. 15 and 16 show an embodiment in which the air freshener is forced into the material of the toilet lid or into an air-refreshening potpourri 33 arranged in the toilet seat. In the embodiment of Figs. 15 and 16, the air-refreshening potpourri 33 is covered by a transparent lid 34.

A comparison of the embodiments described and illustrated in the reference to Mac with the present invention as claimed makes it clear that claim 21 of the present application is not disclosed or suggested by the reference to Mac. This is because the reference to Mac describes a "refreshable fragrant cushioned toiled seat"; the present invention as claimed, on the other hand, is directed to a toilet lid which is constructed in a specific manner, i.e., the toilet lid is formed by two molded bodies 120, 120' or 121, 121' which are connected to one another through a circumferential rim 55 in such a way that a hollow space for receiving decorative objects is formed, wherein the

circumferential rim 55 forms the outer shape of the toilet lid, and wherein the two molded bodies are of a glass-clear material.

Consequently, in accordance with the present invention, the decorative objects are visible from both sides, i.e., in the closed state of the toilet lid from the outside, and in the open state of the toilet lid from the inside.

Clearly, the reference does not disclose or suggest the toilet lid as it is now recited in claim 21 of the present application.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.



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